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CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON OF A HOUSE.

CANTON, May 17.
Yesterday, near the Yau Lin gate, the rear portion of a building entirely collapsed. Fourteen persons were injured but fortunately no life was lost.

AN INDUSTRIAL MONK.

A monk in the Luk Yung Monastery has established a factory for the manufacture of glass-ware. He is making a special point of lamp-shades. This work is said to rival that of Western countries. A large piece of ground in the vicinity of the Monastery has been bought for the extension of a profitable undertaking.

STREET LIGHTING.

The thoroughfares of Canton and Hongkong are lighted by street lamps but most of the by-streets and lanes are in darkness at night. This is not only very inconvenient for foot passengers but it also affords an opportunity for robbers to carry out their nefarious designs. The Commandant of Police has lately issued a notice calling on the persons of the various neighbourhoods to remedy this evil by lighting up the small streets and lanes with lamps at every hundred yards. He suggests that the expense be defrayed by public subscription.

OPium VENDOR'S OFFER.

It is said that owing to the stringent opium laws, the people engaged in selling prepared opium are losing money and are becoming seriously alarmed thereto. It is reported that a meeting of opium sellers was held lately and it was proposed that a petition be sent to head-quarters praying that the new regulations be less strictly enforced and at the same time offering a substantial sum of money to the Government to aid their petition. It is to be hoped that both petition and bribe will be treated with the contempt they deserve.

FOR PRESERVATION OF RICE.

A suggestion has been made to the Chief of Police to the effect that all police launches should be supplied with a newly invented American pump which would enable them then to deal effectively with the fires that break out from time to time on the sampans when moored close together for the night. It is to be hoped that the suggestion will be followed.

THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

The British delegates on the Royal Commission on the opium question, will probably hold an informal conference for the purpose of discussing the propriety of presenting a special report to the Colonial Secretary. The resolutions arrived at by the Commission have already been transmitted to the Home Government, and the full text of the report, which is now being printed, will contain all the statements put in by the various countries affected as to the laws and regulations obtaining therein.

Mr. Robert Laidlaw, the Liberal member for East Renfrewshire, has strong hopes of the success of the movement for suppressing the traffic in opium, and expresses the belief that China is sincere in her desire to kill the evil. He thinks she will be able to accomplish this task at the end of the period specified—ten years. Already opium dens are being shut up, and officials who favour the traffic are being dismissed.

Ultimately, Mr. Laidlaw thinks, there will be a Conference of the Powers to give effect to the decisions arrived at. America is understood to favour such a gathering during the coming summer, but the general view is that it should be deferred for a year or two to enable China to give further evidence of her sincerity.

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MAKING MONEY OUT OF
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One of the most interesting phases of
the world's development is the manner in
which the people of civilized nations are
utilizing so many things which were only
recently considered as valueless, to be
thrown away as worthless; while what we
have thought was useless stuff, merely fit
to be trod under the feet, as so much
dirt, has been converted into a product
of great value. The increase in the
population of various countries, and
especially the increase in the number of in-
habitants of great cities, has been one of
the reasons why the genius of the inventor
has contrived to make what we have called
waste fit to be used in various
compounds and articles which have already
become indispensable. The things that
are thrown into street, house yard, and
other receptacles for debris can be used in
so many ways, that scarcely anything can
now be considered useless. For instance,
old tin cans are melted to be moulded into
buttons, covers for luggage, and toys for
children, which sell throughout the world
at Christmas time. Discarded shoes and
rubbers, also scraps of leather, have been
so much of value in manufacturing various
substances. Not a single bottle or other
piece of glass need be thrown away, for
mixed with certain kinds of earth and
sand, it makes an excellent artificial stone
for buildings. Not so long ago dead
animals were buried, as it was not known,
that their bones, hide, and even parts of
the intestines were of use. Much of the
inflammable composition in the lucifer
match is now obtained from such bones.
Even the sweepings of the street pave-
ment, containing as they do particles of
horsehair and other metal, are worth
gathering; while the bits which fall from
the horse's hoof as it is being shod by the
farrier make a most valuable dye when
mixed with certain chemicals and metal
scraps.

Over nearly every large city, especially
such centres as London, Birmingham,
and seats of other great countries,
are enormous clouds of smoke, which so
frequently darken the atmosphere that
even at noon-time it is necessary to have
lights in the buildings. Yet this smoke if
properly treated can be actually dissolved
into several most useful elements—and the
inventor has designed apparatus by which
these elements can be secured at a small
cost. It is a fact that smoke can be
weighed and measured like so much
earth and sand. Experiments which have
been made in the United States show that
a cord of ordinary fuel wood in burning
generates 23,000 cubic feet of smoke. If
the smoke from 100 cords of wood is treated
by this process, it will yield no less than
six tons of the valuable chemical known as
acitate of lime, besides 25 pounds of tar.
But the smoke contains so much of the
element of alcohol, that this quantity will
produce no less than 200 gallons of spirit
suitable for lighting, heating, or the opera-
tion of motors.

Usually perfumes and other useful odours
are considered as being obtained principally
from flowers. The oil coming from waste
fruit, such as decayed pears, grapes, and
peaches however, can be substituted for
some of the most costly floral odour after
being treated with acids and other liquids
which give them a remarkable fragrance.
Perfume, soaps, even confectionery, are
now manufactured, which are flavoured with
what is called the oil of bitter almonds,
but which is extracted from the car which
is a refuse of gas-making plants such as are
to be found in every large city.

The enormous production of iron and
steel in various forms has caused great
furnaces to be erected for melting this
metal in large quantities. Here again a
study has been made of what can be done
to use what was formerly waste. Even the
gas which in the past has been allowed to
escape in the air has been made pregnan-
to speak, and converted into a
most valuable factor. The mixture left
after the iron has been extracted from
the ore—sometimes called slag—which
represents the debris of the iron ore, is now
one of the most valuable compounds com-
ing from the blast furnace, although but a
few years ago it was thrown away. In
fact, blast furnaces have been built on
the edge of swamps and bodies of water, so
that the slag could be thrown into these
places and used for filling them up. Very
good glass is now made from this slag, as
well as paving blocks and bricks, artificial
porphyry, and a cement which is equal to
the best. Ground with six per cent of
slaked lime, building mortar is also made
from slag; and ornamental copings and
mouldings, window sills, and chimney
pieces are fashioned of it.

Slag is stated to be twice as strong
as ordinary brick, and much less permeable
to moisture, and will make 1,000 bricks, 6,000
or 7,000 pounds of granulated slag, and
from 500 to 700 pounds of burnt lime, are
consumed. Good brick also made from
the slag, though the hardening process is rather
slow. Slag is also used for steam-pipe and
boiler wrappings, in which form it is called
"silicate of carbon." Coal slag is a good
structural material; mixed with slaked
lime, it stiffens into a mass weighing from
fifty to one hundred pounds per square
inch. Basic slag is used in large quantities
by manufacturers of fertilizers, instead of
phosphate rock.

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forming an entire city in itself, is provided
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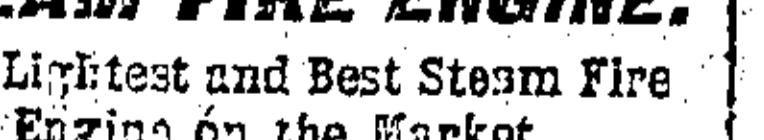
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DEATH.
MICHINEL.—At Pak-Lo, East River, on
May 13th, of typhoid fever, Isabella
LITTLE, M.D., wife of Dr. I. E. Michinel,
of the London Missionary Society.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous

Transfer Books of The Paris Toilet Co.
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inclusive.

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General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, May 20.—
Goods per *Benlomond* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Bingo Maru* not cleared on
this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, May 21.—
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SATURDAY, May 22.—
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SATURDAY, May 29.—
Non—Meeting of Watkins, Ltd., at Co.'s
Office.

The CHINA MAIL

Hongkong, TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1908.

THE RAILWAY LOAN AFFAIR.

AMONG the hundred and one stories floating
about Hongkong concerning the
railway loan which has just been ar-

anged between the Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank, the Deutsche-Asiatische
Bank and the Banque de l'Indo Chine,
it is extremely difficult to hit upon the
one which represents the undiluted
truth. Truth, we are told in a fanciful

Greek legend, was once dropped into a
well because it was inconvenient to
certain people that she should be seen
above ground: to judge by the writings
of many prominent journalists who have
discussed the Hankow-Canton loan affair

during the past two months Truth
remains still at the bottom of the well,
for they evidently have never seen her,
much less scraped a bowing acquaintance
with the lady. In the face of ac-

complished facts, therefore, it would be
well to leave all the Hongkong stories
severely alone and to congratulate the
triumphant syndicate of international Banks

upon the successful outcome of their
last negotiations. On the face of it, one
gathered that the news conveyed from
Berlin in Reuter's telegrams and confirmed

by Chinese wires from Peking, is based
upon the result of a compromise, the
great principle which, when all is said
and done, regulates the conduct of
modern nations. Last February when

the British, French and German bankers
convened in Paris to discuss the
possibilities of further railway loans to
China, the rock upon which the con-

ference split, it was said, was the share
which each should have in the supply
of materials. The English banks

were agreeable to Germany coming in

and sharing in the flotation of the loan
but they urged—so rumour runs—that
the materials which would be required
for the Hankow-Canton section of the
line should be supplied solely by Great
Britain. To this the Germans objected.
The conference broke up and soon the
rumour gained currency that the German
banks had been approached by H. E.
CHANG CHU-TUNG regarding a loan for
\$3,000,000 upon the same terms as the
Tientsin-Fukien loan. Then the British
rose in their wrath and some very
plain speaking was indulged in. From
The Times downward it was pointed out
in many newspapers that by the terms
of the loan which the Hongkong
Government had made to China in order
to allow her to redeem the line from the
original concessionaires, Great Britain
must have the first refusal of supplying
funds to build the Hankow-Canton
section of the great mid-China railway
and with it the right to appoint the
Chief Engineer. Berlin replied
that all the 1905 agreement provided
for was that Great Britain should have
notice of the negotiations for a loan, and
that the notice having been given and Great Britain at the
Paris conference having declined to
advance China the money on the terms
that Germany was prepared to offer,
China was at perfect liberty to enter
into negotiations with whom she liked.
But this view was evidently not sustained
by the British Foreign Office, for Sir
John Jombon, the British Minister to
Peking, was instructed to formally protest
to the Chinese Government, a step
which moved the wrath of the *Straits
Echo*, which saw in the diplomatic protest
the hand of the British and
Chinese Finance Corporation using the
Imperial Government as a cat's paw.
From our contemporary's point of view
this was, on the part of the Government
of Great Britain, an ignoble
bowing down in the temple of Rizomor
before the bloated presence of the clay-
footed god of Mammon. But whatever
newspapers may think, the British
Government were evidently within their
rights, as the events of Saturday clearly
indicate. We had a prior right
in wider terms than the Germans were
at first prepared to admit, and this
has been demonstrated in the sequel.
What the Berlin conference agreed to
on Saturday was this:—That there
should be a German Chief Engineer
for the Hankow-Chengtu railway; and a
British Chief Engineer for the Hankow-
Canton line; in the event of an extension
of the Chengtu line the appointment
of a Frenchman as Chief Engineer
is contemplated; the Germans, British
and French equally participate in the
supply of material; the Deutsche-
Asiatische Bank, the Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank and the Banque de l'Indo Chine,
take over the loan of 5½ millions sterling in equal parts.

The jury in the case of the State of New York against Captain Peter C. Hains Jr., charged with the murder of W. E. Annie, has brought in a verdict of guilty.

The specific finding is manslaughter in the first degree.

The verdict came as a great surprise to the family and friends of the

accused, who had been hoping that the

nature of the provocation to the crime and

the plea of dementia interposed by the

accused would hang up the jury and produce a mistrial.

It has been learned that there was a strong sentiment on the part

of some jurors to find the defendant guilty

of murder in the first degree, waving all

consideration of the doctrine of so-called

dementia Americana.

The Rajah of Sirmur, says the *Straits
Echo*, is abreast of the British Government

on the cigarette question. He has issued

the following regulation: "Whoever

being under 18 years of age smokes cigars,

cigarettes, uses or smokes tobacco or opium

in any manner, or indulges in any intoxicating
drink wine, spirit or other intoxicants,

or any preparation made thereof, except

on the prescription of a physician, shall

on conviction by a magistrate appointed by

the Sirdar Durbar, under the code of

criminal procedure in force in Sirmur, be

punished with either (a) fine not exceeding

rupees ten; (b) simple imprisonment not

exceeding fifteen days; (c) whipping not

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Mr John Johnstone, of Jardine, Matheson's, arrived to-day from Shanghai for the German Mail, having been transferred to this port.

A fatal case of plague, the subject being a Chinese, has been notified from Eastern Streets during the 24 hours ending noon to-day.

The Right Rev Bishop D. Forzoni left this afternoon for Swatow on his mission tour. His Lordship will return in a few days.

The French Chamber, by an overwhelming majority, has passed a resolution giving the right of officials to strike, and expressing confidence in the Government. Wrangling among Socialists led to an extraordinary tumult. A group of Socialists stood up and sang the "Internationale"; their opponents responded with a royalist song and the "Marseillaise." The violent altercations that ensued ended in the suspension of the sitting.

The oldest living English barrister is Mr W. A. G. Hake, who has just completed his 98th year. Mr Hake has resided at Brighton for the last 45 years. He was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in May, 1835. Mr Hake, in the Barristers' Robing Room when the Princess Victoria was declared Queen, one of the barristers present remarked, "Gentlemen, we have no longer a Court of King's Bench, and very few of us here present will ever live to see another Court of King's Bench. Of all who were present at the time, Mr Hake is believed to be the only survivor.

The *Cambodian-American* prints the following Washington telegram under date of May 11.—The Jovian thunderbolt has been launched against the politicians of Porto Rico. In a special message to Congress to-day, President Taft reviewed the recent acts of the lower house of the Porto Rican legislature and declared that that body had shown itself unworthy of the functions conferred upon it by the United States and its members unappreciative of the liberties won for them by the American people. In view of this the executive recommended that Congress amend the act constituting the government of Porto Rico so as to deprive the lower house of all authority over financial matters and materially narrow the scope of the autonomy accorded the island. The Porto Ricans are said to be greatly hurt at President Taft's remarks.

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THE CRETAN QUESTION.

A Parsee funeral took place on Monday after an interval of eight months. The deceased was Mr Burjorjee Nuwrojee Fatakin, managing partner of the firm of B. Nuwrojee of Shanghai, aged 54 years, who died last Sunday at the Peak Hospital, after a lingering illness of several months.

PARSEE FUNERAL.

The Cretan question is likely to be shortly revived. It is understood that it will be fully discussed on the occasion of the Kaiser's visit to Corfu.

It is believed that Italy will take the initiative in the matter.

ROBBERS ENTER A TEMPLE.

At about 11 p.m. on the 15th inst four robbers armed with choppers and fighting irons, and carrying lighted torches, proceeded to a Chinese temple at Kungshan village, Lantau Island, and forced open the door. There were five women residing in the temple, and these robbers told not to be frightened while they proceeded

CHINA MERCHANTS

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PEKING, May 17.

The Board of Communications has approved the request of the shareholders of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company that a Committee be appointed to see to their interests.

CHINESE ARMY ORGANISATION.

(Wah Tsu Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 17.

The Board of War has submitted for Imperial sanction a proposal that all Viceroys and Governors of the border Provinces who are unable to organise their troops in accordance with the requirements of the Board, on the presence of lack of funds, should be severally dealt with.

ADVICE TO THE PRINCE REGENT.

A QUAINTE DECISION.

(Wah Tsu Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 17.

The Prince Regent intends to place a box outside the palace gate, so that anyone who has advice to give him may write it out and slip it in the receptacle provided.

MACAO DELIMITATION.

CHINESE COMMISSIONER WITHDRAWS.

(Wah Tsu Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 17.

Kao Yi-him, the Chinese Commissioner appointed in reference to the Macao delimitation question, has telegraphed to the Board of Foreign Affairs that the matter is beyond his capacity to determine. He asks that another official be appointed in his stead.

THE WRITING ON THE WALL.

PRINCE REGENT'S MOTTO TO ADMINISTRATORS.

(Wah Tsu Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 17.

The Prince Regent has personally written on the wall of the Grand Council Chamber the following motto for the guidance of the Grand Councillors—"Let Public Opinion guide the Administration."

THE GOVERNMENT OF HARBIN.

[FROM THE "N. C. DAILY NEWS"]

PEKING, May 12.

A preliminary agreement, containing eighteen articles, was signed yesterday by H.E. Liang Tsin-yen, President of the Waiwu, and His Honour Shih Chao-chi, Tao-tai of Harbin, representing China; and M. Korostovets, Russian Minister at Peking and Major-General Horvath, Chief of the Harbin Railway Staff and Acting Consul-General for Russia at Harbin, as representatives of Russia regarding a *modus vivendi* in the matter of jurisdiction by the Russian military authorities at Harbin and their claims to the right of taxation over Chinese subjects both at Harbin and other Settlements along the line.

The agreement emphasizes the intention of Russia to respect China's sovereign rights.

Treaty rights of other nations are safeguarded by an exchange of notes.

Major-General Horvath left Peking yesterday.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

A fine of \$5 each was imposed on nine defendants, at the Marine Court to-day, for being in Causeway Bay without permission.

Three boatmen and two boatwomen were fined \$5 each, at the Marine Court, to-day, by Commander Basil Taylor, for causing an obstruction at Wing Lok Street steps.

John Henry Scott, of the R.G.A., was sentenced to two years' hard labour, at the Criminal Sessions at the Supreme Court this morning, by the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, for committing an act of gross indecency. Hon. Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., Attorney General, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown, instructed by Mr. H. D. Dennis, Jr., from the office of the Crown Solicitor.

PIERCING OF BEACON HILL TUNNEL.

For some time it has been known that the Beacon Hill Tunnel, on the Kowloon-Canton railway, would soon be pierced and it is gratifying to learn that this arduous task was successfully accomplished soon after 6 o'clock on Monday evening, many months ahead of the time in which it was estimated that the work would be done. Coming, as it does, soon after the distressing statement given by His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday, it presents a hope that all the lines will be opened sometime in May next year.

To the successful accomplishment of such an engineering feat in this part of the world no little praise is due to Mr. Waite, the tunnel superintendent, and his staff, who are naturally jubilant over the affair.

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MACAO NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Macao, May 15.

To the various socialist in legal form貫ing with dilettante complices the burning question of the hour, the seizure of the opium farm by the authorities on 5th inst., will have appeared from the outset a sorry bungle. Now that the real facts of the case have come to light, the ruling verdict, in the opinion of those who have the best means of judging, is that both parties have blundered. To put the matter in a nutshell.

On the 27th May 1881, the property in question, which was then known as the "Old Custom House," was sold by the Government for \$60,000 to Mr. Chan Loo, a merchant who had tendered for and been granted the opium monopoly with the express stipulation that the estates just purchased by him were to remain under bond to the authorities for the strict performance of the agreement during a period of 10 years' from 1st Sept. 1882.

The term ran off to a close without a hitch and the property reverted to Mr. Chan Loo, in whose name, and latterly in that of his son and sole heir, Mr. Chan How, Niu, the land taxes have been regularly paid till this date; while the property itself was being merely leased to subsequent grantees of the opium monopoly.

The last agreement embraced a period of 9 years and 10 months from 1st September 1903 till 30th June 1913. The yearly rental was fixed at \$33,400, payable in advance by monthly instalments, and the contract was liable to rescission by the Government in the event payment was not forthcoming on the due date. A deposit in value equivalent to one-third of the yearly rent was lodged with the Government as guarantee of the exact fulfilment of the contract, and among other obligations one clause ran as follows: "The Concessions are bound to carry on, either by themselves or through other persons in the Colony, the industry of preparing opium, failing which they shall incur, besides the penalty already bespoken in this contract, the reversion to the public Exchequer of the building where the factory is situate, without the right to a claim on account, whatever."

After Australia had closed its doors to the opium trade, the Californian market was the only one open to the export of the drug from Macao till the interdictory Bill of 1st April last shut out the one remaining outlet for good and all. We are clearly face to face with a contingency as unprecedented as it was unlooked for; hence, no doubt, the lack of provision to meet it in the contract. The opium farmer, it is true, made advances to the Government with a view to an amendment of the then subsisting agreement and its substitution by another at a commuted rental of \$80,000, along with amendments to fit in with the turn in the tide. Prudeworthy representations were made by H.E. Sir Rocadas to the Home Government in the matter, but the futility of his endeavours was apparent in the summary order which was ruled out, to enforce the terms of the agreement to the letter.

The farmer, meanwhile, was already a couple of months in arrear with his rental, and so the rescission of the contract and confiscation of the security bond would appear justifiable. But, there are ample facilities afforded by the Civil Code in a case of *force majeure* like the one at issue; and if the monopolist had only gone about it as he should, he would have made a capital case of it before the Court of Law had but sought redress through legal channels prior to curtailing abruptly the payment of his monthly due or even thought of backing his proposal to the Government touching the rental commutation with an offer to indemnify the latter for the loss entailed by the difference between the two rentals.

One of the defendants expressed his willingness to go after he had received the agreement stating the hours of work, rate of wages, kind of food, etc.

His Lordship held that there was a contract.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing said there had been some reason why plaintiff shipped them from Swatow instead of Hongkong.

His Lordship reserved judgment.

WOMAN'S INHUMANITY TO WOMAN.

Under the above heading, the *Manila Times* discusses a book which the author placed on the desk of the Editor of the *China Mail* last week on her way to Japan on a two months' jaunt. — In a sweet little booklet, done in brown that looks like condensed milk as it begins to get busy, there is a story of something the reverse of *bona fide* in the townswoman makes a waxen image of him and proceeds to break her will upon it. Mr. H. H. H. — takes this witchcraft very seriously, making it play an important part in the story, though we think he could have attained his end without it. One thing we must thank him for is the manner in which he enables us to realize the atmosphere of the time and place. It is most convincing; therefore most satisfactory.

The poetess also gives them the hook with that cruellest of bait, the lady having descent from a Morilla grandmother through a French mother. This young person greatly desired Edward Colman, but his affections were bestowed elsewhere. Hence all the trouble. The Mayor's daughter betrays him to the King's commissioner as an "owner" — one who illegally exported wool from the Kingdom, and Colman has to flee to Holland for safety. Then, his luck turns, for his vindictive townswoman makes a waxen image of him and proceeds to break her will upon it. Mr. H. H. H. — takes this witchcraft very seriously, making it play an important part in the story, though we think he could have attained his end without it.

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THE MAO RI KING.

The *Shanghai Mercury* says the case of the Maoi King, which the Privy Council has agreed to go to appeal, aroused great interest locally. It first came into H.E.M.'s Supreme Court in January 1908, when Sir Haviland de Saumarez was called to conduct the shipowner in the suit on either of two grounds, namely, violation of two different clauses of the Merchant Shipping Act. In the affidavit filed by the then Shipping Vice-Consul, Mr. A. Rose, it was stated that the Maoi King had been registered in H.E.M.'s Consulate by James Markham Dow as owner. About Oct. 1907, an enquiry had been held concerning the death of a coolie, an emigrant from Vladivostok to Mexico, and in the course of that inquiry it transpired that the ship had been used for the purpose of carrying Chinese coolies to Mexico who had been shipped under false pretences and carried against their will to work on a Mexican Railway. It was then discovered that J. M. Dow was in the employ of Ginsburg and Co., a Russian firm, and upon the production of the charter-party for the voyage the discovery was made that Dow, Ginsburg and Co. had chartered the steamer to a concern in Mexico, Zimmerman and Co. The Vice-Consul had become suspicious and had reason to believe that for all purposes Markham Dow and Co. were the real owners and that J. M. Dow was not in fact or at all the owner as stated in his declaration. A notice was served upon the owners of the ship calling upon them to produce satisfactory evidence of the title of the ship, otherwise the ship would be subject to forfeiture under the provisions of Part I of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894. No evidence had been produced and the ship had accordingly been seized and detained. Acting for the Consul-General, Mr. H. P. Wilkinson sought for the forfeiture of the Maoi King, and after many sitings in which the defense was conducted by Mr. W. V. Drummond and Mr. Francis Ellis, Sir Haviland de Saumarez gave judgment ordering the vessel to be forfeited. An appeal to the Privy Council was intimated and a hearing before the Court was presided over by Mr. C. Hill and Mr. Hayes, the Queen's Counsel. Some time thereafter the Queen's Counsel filed a memorandum for the Privy Council. Some time thereafter the Queen's Counsel filed a memorandum for the Privy Council.

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PORT SAID & MAREMME	(Capt. W. W. COKE, R.N.R.)	May.	
DELHI	(About 27th)	FREIGHT AND	
SHANGHAI	(Capt. G. W. GORDON, R.N.R.)	May, 1909.	PASSENGER.
LONDON, VIA USUAL PORTS	(OKHANA)	NOON, 29th	SE SPECIAL
LONDON, MOJI, KOBE, SHIMA	(Capt. T. H. HIDE, R.N.R.)	May, 1909.	ADVERTISING.
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SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH.

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SATURDAY, JULY 3RD.

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MONTHLY SERVICE TO AND FROM EUROPE,
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REBUPAT May 24, p.m.

MARSEILLE, VIA PORTS OCEANIEN, SELLIER May 25, at 1 p.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE AND TOURANE, LANCELIN, June 7, p.m.

MARSEILLE, VIA PORTS POLYNESIEN, BLOC, June 8, at 1 p.m.

TRANSSHIPPING on the Co's Steamers at SINGAPORE for BATAVIA, at COLOMBO for CALCUTTA, BOMBAY and AUSTRALIA, at PORT SAID for the LEVANT, CONSTANTINOPLE and BLACK SEA.

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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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S.S. ISTRIA ... 29th May.

S.S. BRAHMA ... 9th June.

S.S. SEGOVIA ... 17th June.

S.S. C. PERD. LANKESE, 9th June.

S.S. S. BAVARIA ... 10th July.

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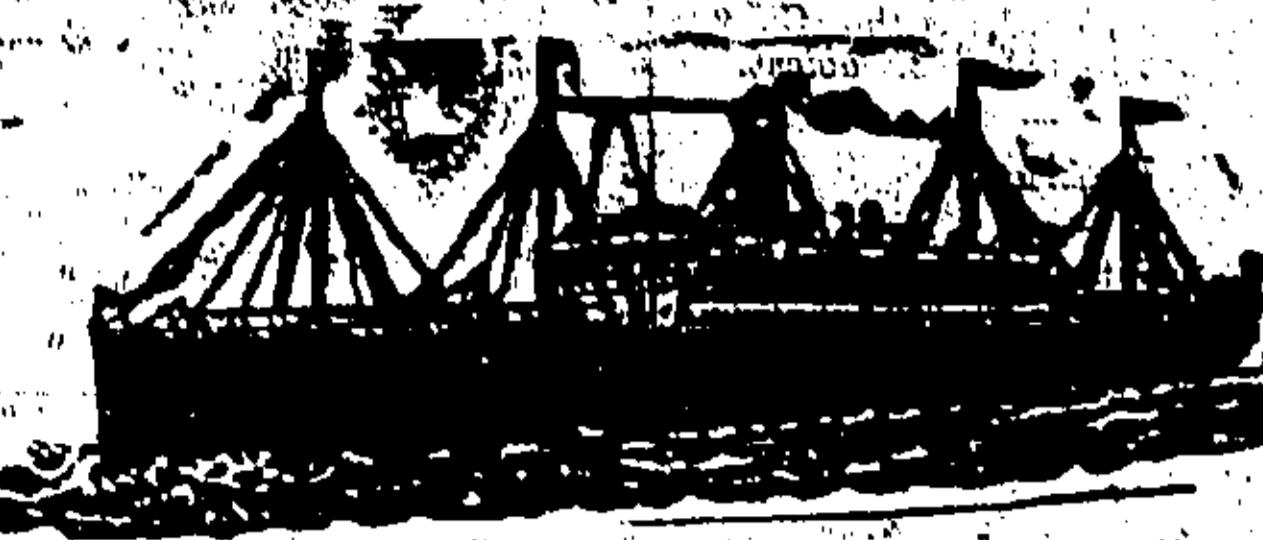
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SAILING DATES

1909.

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ASIA ... 9,500 ... FRIDAY, 4th June, at Noon.

MONGOLIA ... 27,000 ... TUESDAY, 15th June, at Noon.

TENYO MARU ... 31,000 ... SATURDAY, 19th June, at Noon.

KOREA ... 18,000 ... TUESDAY, 23rd June, at Noon.

NIPON MARU ... 11,000 ... SATURDAY, 10th July, at Noon.

SIBERIA ... 18,000 ... SATURDAY, 17th July, at Noon.

CHINA ... 12,000 ... TUESDAY, 27th July, at Noon.

MANCHURIA ... 27,000 ... SATURDAY, 31st July, at Noon.

*Twin Screw, *Triple Screw Steamer.

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Fares: Hongkong to London 271.10, 6, including Berth and Meals across America.

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TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1908.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

MARSEILLES & LONDON,

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STEAMERS	LEAVE	CONNECTING STEAMERS	DEPARTURE	ARRIVE
COLOMBO	HONGKONG	From COLOMBO to MARSEILLES & LONDON	From COLOMBO to MARMILLA & LONDON	From MARMILLA & LONDON
OCANA	May 18	VICTORIA	May 19	May 20
DELHI	May 20	MOOLTAN	June 28	July 1
DEVANCHA	May 20	CHINA	July 16	July 16
ASSAB	May 20	MACHDONIA	Aug. 17	Aug. 12
DEVA	May 20	MOLDAVIA	Sept. 4	Sept. 10
SALENDONIA	May 20	MANTUA	Sept. 18	Sept. 14
DEVANCHA	May 20	MONGOLIA	Oct. 2	Oct. 8
SALENDONIA	May 21	MARMORA	Oct. 2	Oct. 8

Passenger change steamer at COLOMBO, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID. Accommodation in the connecting steamer from COLOMBO is arranged in Hongkong at time of booking.

In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following:-

INTERMEDIATE (Non-Transit) STEAMERS WILL LEAVE FOR

LONDON,

CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

STEAMERS	LEAVE	ARRIVE	DEPARTURE	ARRIVE
PERA	May 20	about	July	about
SOMALI	May 20	20	July	17
POONA	May 20	20	July	17
NAMUR	May 20	20	July	17
SIMLA	May 20	20	July	17
MALTA	May 20	20	July	17
SAEADINA	May 20	20	July	17
SYRIA	May 20	20	July	17

These Steamers call also at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and at Malta Marseilles.

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THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN MAIL SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA.

MAIL SCHEDULE.

(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION).

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
ALDENHAM	May 31	26th May, at Noon.
EMPIRE	June 23	23rd June, at Noon.
EASTERN		21st July, at Noon.

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Hongkong, November 2, 1908.

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THE Steamship OCEANA, Captain T. H. HOB. L.M.E., carrying His Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., with Passengers and Mail, on SATURDAY, the 25th May, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's Steamship Victoria, 8,000 tons, from Colombo, Passengers accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London, will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding to Marseilles and London; others going to London, &c., will be conveyed via Bremen by the R.M.S. Ocean, due in London on the 5th June, 1908.

Freight will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to

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Hongkong, February 23, 1908.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory:—
On the 18th at 12.06 p.m.—The depression is still shown over the Pacific off the coast of N.E. Japan.
Pressure has increased in S. Japan, and given way over China, particularly in the North.
A depression is moving Eastwards over Manchuria, and the highest pressure is now shown over the Eastern Sea.
Moderate E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and along the northern shores of the China Sea.
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.78 inches.
Forecast for the 24 hours ending to-morrow:—
1. Hongkong and Neighbourhood: E. winds moderate; squally; changeable.
2. Formosa Channel: Same as No. 1.
3. South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamko: Same as No. 1.
4. South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

To-day's Advertisements

Reduction in Price

OF
BUTTER.

From to-day our price for Fresh Australian Butter, 1st quality, will be

75 Cents Per Pound.

H. RUTTONJEE & SON,
Hongkong & Kowloon.

Hongkong, February 27, 1908. 23

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIA route to EUROPE.

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dalmat and Siberia,
22nd May at 8.30 p.m.
26th May at 8.30 p.m.
29th May at 8.30 p.m.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Mails will Close:—

For QUANG-CHOW-WAN.

Per Sutong, 8 a.m., on Wednesday, the 19th May.

For SWATOW, AMOY, FOOCHOW & SHANGHAI.

Per Buijan Maru, at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, the 19th May.

For KOBE.

Per Sutong, at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, the 19th May.

For SWATOW & SHANGHAI.

Per Wipang, at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, the 19th May.

For SHANGHAI.

Per Sutong, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 20th May.

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Per Kueitien, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 20th May.

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Per Chinkin, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 20th May.

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For WEIHAIWEI CHEFOO & TIENTSIN.

Per Kueitien, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 20th May.

For SHANGHAI.

Per Chinkin, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 20th May.

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